

April 27, 1935

Dear Mrs. Whigham:

Yours of the 25th instant relative to
the Coles of Oglethorpe County.

My records show that one William Cole was
a private in the 1st company (Capt. Wm. Spruce), 1st battalion,
2d Regiment, Wilkes County militia in, we think, 1793.
We have the original muster roll, but it is not dated. However,
Wm. Spruce was commissioned captain of this company April 3, 1793
and the roll seems to belong to that year. Oglethorpe County
was out from Wilkes as of course you know.

Then we have a record of a William Cole who
represented Houston County in the house of representatives
in 1834.

One Josiah Cole was a justice of the Inferior
Court in Oglethorpe County 1794-1796 and clerk of the superior
court of Oglethorpe County in 1794.

A James Cole was clerk of the superior court
in Oglethorpe County in 1795.

GAY The military record for William Cole cited
above is sufficient for membership in the U.S. Daughters of
1812, if you are interested in that.

Mrs. W. Trox Bankston, Covington, Georgia,
is interested in the John Combs-Hannah Whittaker Cole line and
might be able to help you. She is both able and charming.

I suggest that you write me again in a few
weeks or months. I am at work on the records of the period
in which you are interested and may uncover details of value
to you at any moment.

Have you examined the records of Oglethorpe
County? There is a published volume of Wilkes County records,
but I do not have it.

Regretting that I have not been of some real
help to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

State Historian

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